

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4313
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RENGALI MULTIPURPOSE IRRIGATION PROJECT
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rengali multipurpose irrigation project in Orissa is running behind schedule;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total amount allocated during 2001-2002 and 2002- 2003 and the amount released so far;
- (d) the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (e) the area provided with irrigation so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects, including flood control are planned, investigated, funded, executed, operated and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities. The Stage-I envisaging construction of Rengali Dam for the purpose of flood control and Hydro Power generation was sanctioned in June, 1973 and completed in 1985. Phase-I of Stage-II envisaging development of irrigation of 2,35,500 ha. was accepted by Planning Commission in March, 1978 and is under construction.

(c) & (d) The project is getting funds from the external agencies as well as Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). The funds allocated by the external agencies during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 is Rs. 135.6 crore and Rs. 106.12 crore respectively. In addition to this, the project also received Rs. 5.48 crore CLA under AIBP and Rs. 14.00 crore under Fast Track Programme during 2001-2002.

(e) The irrigation potential created upto end of IXth Plan is 3.25 th. ha.